

Land Use Subgroup of the Climate Action Team and the California Air Resources Board AB 32 Land Use and Transportation Draft Report and Haagen--Smit Proceedings Public Meeting – May 14, 2008

Invitation to Attend AB 32 Public Meeting on the Draft LUSCAT Report to the ARB and Haagen--Smit Symposium Proceedings

The Land Use Subgroup of the Climate Action Team (LUSCAT) and Air Resources Board (ARB) staff invites you to participate in a public meeting to discuss the LUSCAT's draft report on land use and transportation, prepared for the ARB Scoping Plan, and the 2008 Haagen--Smit Symposium proceedings. This meeting is being conducted to provide interested stakeholders the opportunity to ask specific questions concerning various elements of the LUSCAT's draft report and Haagen--Smit proceedings in order to prepare for submitting written comments on the two documents. The meeting is open to the public and full participation by all parties is encouraged.

Where and When is the Meeting?

This meeting will be held at California Energy Commission Headquarters in Sacramento and will also be webcast.

Date: Wednesday, May 14, 2008

Time: 9:00 a.m. - Noon.

Location: Hearing Room A, 1st Floor

Address: California Energy Commission Headquarters Building

1516 9th Street

Sacramento, CA 95814

Meeting Topic Details

The LUSCAT is one of eleven multiagency subgroups formed to provide recommendations to the ARB for consideration as the board develops a plan to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in California. The ARB Scoping Plan will lay out state policies and actions to meet the GHG reductions targets in AB 32, the Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006. The almost 20 state agencies comprising LUSCAT worked in collaboration to prepare the background information and recommendations contained in the draft report. The LUSCAT focused on identifying existing programs and developing new land use planning strategies that could be adopted by State and regional agencies and local governments for climate change mitigation and adaptation. The sub-group also worked closely with an advisory group comprised of stakeholders from local and regional governments, special districts, planning professionals and non-governmental organizations (NGO).

Another topic for the meeting is the Haagen--Smit Symposium; an annual conference, hosted by ARB, to deeply explore issues of air quality. The 2008 Symposium brought together State, regional and local policy makers and other progressive thinkers to discuss the role of land use and transportation in meeting AB 32 requirements and achieving California's vision of a low-carbon future as specified in the Governor's Executive Order S-3-05.

The specific focus of this meeting will be to help prepare stakeholders to offer written comments, due two weeks after the meeting, by answering questions the stakeholders have about the report and proceedings. The public meeting will begin with LUSCAT staff offering a brief overview of the LUSCAT report and then offer an opportunity for participants to ask questions about the contents of the plan. ARB staff will then give a brief overview of the Haagen--Smit proceedings and offer an opportunity for participants to ask questions about the proceedings.

Meeting participants are invited to send written comments by 5/21/08 as follows:

- LUSCAT report to Panama Bartholomy of the California Energy Commission, at pbartholomy@energy.state.ca.us
- Haagen--Smit proceedings to Jeff Weir of the Air Resources Board, at jweir@arb.ca.gov

Meeting Materials

Meeting materials and an agenda will be posted prior to the meeting at http://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/scopingplan/luscat/luscat.htm. At this website, you may also join the electronic mailing list to receive further notices of LUSCAT and ARB activities and public meetings related to the implementation of AB 32.

Can't Make it to the Meeting?

This meeting will be webcast, and viewers can ask questions during the session via the telephone. Webcast links and agendas are posted at http://www.energy.ca.gov/webcast/index.html

The call-in number for the audio portion of the webcast will be sent as part of the agenda when it is released.

We welcome and encourage your participation in this important effort. If you have any questions, please contact Panama Bartholomy, California Energy Commission, at (916) 654-4896 or pbarthol@energy.state.ca.us.

Sincerely, Jackalyne Pfannenstiel, Chairman California Energy Commission